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~~at least 50% oatstraw extract;  
at least 25% glycerine; and  
0.1-0.2% lavender oil,  
the sum of these three components being 100%; and  
applying the lotion [topologically] topically to inflamed, painful or swollen  
areas.~~

**9. (amended)** The method according to claim 8 wherein the pain, swelling, itching or inflammation is caused by a condition selected from one of the following: psoriasis; [leprosy]; skin poisoning from plants, shingles; measles; chicken pox; boils; [cold sores; colds and flu; sinus congestion;] sun damage; burns; sunburns; [menstrual bloating; menstrual cramps; foot pain;] acne; eczema; rosacea; dermatitis; insect bites; [parasitic infections;] herniated discs; back and/or leg spasms; sore or damaged muscles, ligaments and tendons; bruising; [varicose veins; fibromyalgia; multiple sclerosis; cancer treatments; internal organ injuries; brain and nerve surgery;] headaches; and arthritis.

**10. (amended)** ~~A method of preventing hair loss comprising:  
providing a topical lotion the lotion consisting essentially of:  
at least 50% oatstraw extract;  
at least 25% glycerine; and  
0.1-0.2% lavender oil,  
the sum of these three components being 100%; and  
applying the topical lotion to the scalp of an individual[, thereby stopping  
hair loss].~~

**17. (amended)** ~~An [laundry] additive comprising:  
a mixture consisting essentially of:  
at least 50% oatstraw extract;  
at least 25% glycerine; and  
0.1-0.2% lavender oil,  
the sum of these three components being 100%; and  
a suitable carrier.~~

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~~23. A method of inducing a depres sl ep in an individual comprising:  
providing a topical lotion consisting essentially of:  
at least 50% oatstraw extract;  
at least 25% glycerine; and  
0.1-0.2% lavender oil,  
the sum of these three components being 100%; and  
applying the lotion topically to the soles of the feet of the individual.~~

~~24. The method according to claim 8 wherein the pain, swelling,  
itching or inflammation is caused by a condition selected from one of the following:  
leprosy; cold sores; colds and flu; sinus congestion; menstrual bloating; menstrual  
cramps; foot pain; parasitic infections; varicose veins; fibromyalgia; multiple sclerosis;  
cancer treatments; internal organ injuries; and brain and nerve surgery.—~~

Copies of specification pages 1 and 12-15 with the changes indicated thereon as well as clean copies of the claims pages 12-15, amended in accordance with the claim amendments described above, are enclosed.

**REMARKS:**

As the Examiner can see, the claims have been amended as discussed below.

As the Examiner can see, applicant's invention is a lotion and uses thereof wherein the active ingredient is an extract from oatstraw steeped in water.

New claim 23 corresponds to claim 16 of the corresponding PCT application.

Claim 17 has been amended so as to be directed to an additive. Support for this amendment may be found for example on pages 9-11 of the instant application wherein the use of the lotion as an additive in other products is described.

Claims 2, 7 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 112 for use of the term "magnetized". Specifically, the Examiner has taken the position that the term "magnetized" is "unclear, especially in connection with water".